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### **City of Durand to Officially Introduce Neighborhood Electric Vehicle**

The City of Durand will officially introduce their Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) flatbed utility truck during the Dazzle Day Parade on Saturday, November 27, 2010. The truck is the first "green" vehicle owned by the City and it has caught the eye and interest of the community and city departments.

"We are very excited to officially introduce the NEV truck to the community at the upcoming parade," said Ed Sabelko, Utility Superintendent for the City of Durand. "We've had the NEV truck for a few months and we are very impressed by its versatility, fuel savings and the large interest it has created."

"Durand is one of 37 fleets across our state participating in the Wisconsin Clean Transportation program," said Judy Ziewacz, Director for the Office of Energy Independence. "Every alternative fuel or advanced technology vehicle on the road is another step toward reducing our dependency on foreign oil."

The city attained the NEV truck in May to replace an older  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton gasoline pick-up truck that averaged 12 miles per gallon. Because the NEV is easy to use, a number of departments are utilizing the NEV for projects they would have used a petroleum fueled vehicle for in the past.

The NEV is the ideal vehicle for the City Parks Department as it can drive across the grass without damaging the turf. The NEV is also being used for water meter readings, shuttling parts around town and more. It is projected that all of these errands will add up to more than 4000 miles a year, equivalent to an annual saving of nearly \$1000 in gasoline costs.

The purchase of the NEV was funded in part by \$2,000 from the Wisconsin Clean Transportation Program (WCTP), a Recovery and Reinvestment Act program. Leveraging the funds from WCTP allowed the city to secure more cost savings.

The WCTP was competitively awarded \$15 million last August through the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program to help fund the purchase of 378 alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles for 37 Wisconsin fleets, and is fully funding the installation of 18 alternative fuel refueling sites. WCTP is administered jointly by the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence and Wisconsin Clean Cities – Southeast Area.

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